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6. Visit of CODEL Hickenlooper: Senator Bourke B. HICKENLOOPER (Iowa), ranking Republican member of the Foreign Relations Committee, accompanied by

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Admiral Thomas J. KELLY, USN (Ret.), visited Saudi Arabia November 19 - 20. The Senator was met in Riyadh by the Charge who accompanied him on calls on King Faysal, Deputy Prime Minister Prince, KHALID, and other senior Saudi officials. Briefings were arranged for the Senator by officers from the various sections of the Embassy and by USMTM. (UNCLASSIFIED).

Comment: The Senator's exchange with Faysal, which lasted nearly an hour, was friendly and covered essentially familiar ground.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Financing of UN Peace-Keeping Organizations. Yaqub JABER, an-Nadwa's frequent writer on international subjects, discussed the UN financial crisis resulting from the Soviet Union's refusal to pay its share for UN peace-keeping activities. Jaber believes that the USSR has gone beyond the point where it can retract its stand on this issue and that the best solution for the problem would be for the UN peace-keeping operations to be financed through voluntary contributions, a solution which Jaber thinks the U.S. will somehow accept. Al-Madina's pseudonymous "Onlooker" went even further and argued that the USSR has a legitimate case for refusing to pay assessments for the upkeep of peace-keeping operations using troops supplied mainly by NATO countries or from countries sympathetic (sic) to NATO. The writer concluded: "It is imperative that we exercise moderation in dealing with this subject." (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Syrian-Israeli Border Clash. The Saudi press has devoted considerable headline space and a number of editorials to the recent series of clashes along the Syrian-Israeli Armistice Line. An-Nadwa's Jaber speculated that the Israeli attack on Syria was only a decoy to cover preparations for an Israeli offensive against Jordan. Similarly, Sulaiman QADHI in al-Bilad contended that the incident was an organized military action by Israel which, had it not been countered by the Syrian forces, would have achieved its "real target" which Qadhi claims was the Yarmouk River. Another an-Nadwa editorial, calling on the Arabs to teach Israel a lesson that country will never forget, argued that if the Arabs come together to meet Israeli aggression, the U.S. and Israel's other friends will caution Israel to stop; if the Arabs fail to react strongly and unitedly, however, the editorialist warned that the U.S. would let the Israeli attacks continue without interference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Southeast Asia. A political commentator in al-Madina, discussing the situation in Southeast Asia, recommends that the U.S. avoid expanding

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